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NATURALLY, SIR-- WITH A LEADER LIKE YOU, SIR-- TO INSPIRE US. TO US, SIR, YOU ARE THE ESSENCE OF QUICK AND CLEAR THINKING! WE HAVE TO SHARPEN OUR OWN WITS, SIR, TO FOLLOW A MAN LIKE LIKE YOU, SIR, WITH THE WISDOM OF WHITEHEAD, THE ENERGY OF EINSTEIN, THE DEEP LOGIC OF DESCARTES! IF WE CANNOT BE IN YOUR PRESENCE 24 HOURS A DAY, AT LEAST THESE BOOKS MAY GIVE US SOME SIMPLE PLEASURE, SIR.
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WHATCH'A DOIN', SARGE? ALL THOSE NUMBERS YOU'RE WRITING DOWN--AREN'T YOU A LITTLE LATE FOR INCOME TAX?
I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET, DOBERMAN--I'M WORKING OUT A SYSTEM TO BEAT THE ROULETTE TABLES.!
ALWAYS TRUST YOUR SERGEANT --BILKO
ALGEBRA
ADVANCED ALGEBRA
THE LAWS OF PROBABILITY
BUT, SARGE, ARE YOU ALLOWED TO DO THAT? I THOUGHT THE CUSTOMER WAS SUPPOSED TO LOSE.
NOT THIS CUSTOMER.! DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU, DUANE? THERE'S A BIG BOOK ON HIGHER MATHEMATICS ON THE TOP SHELF. WILL YOU GET IT FOR ME? I GOTTA KNOW HOW TO FIGURE SOME SQUARE ROOTS FOR THIS.
SQUARE ROOTS? YOU MUST BE KIDDIN', SARGE.! THE ONLY ROOTS I'VE SEEN ARE ROUND.!
GET THE BOOK, DOBERMAN. I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU LATER.
FUNDAMENTALS OF RELATIVITY
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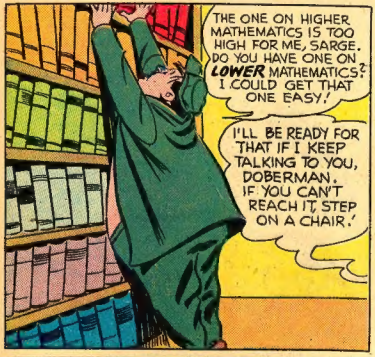
THE ONE ON HIGHER MATHEMATICS IS TOO HIGH FOR ME, SARGE. DO YOU HAVE ONE ON LOWER MATHEMATICS? I COULD GET THAT ONE EASY!
I'LL BE READY FOR THAT IF I KEEP TALKING TO YOU, DOBERMAN. IF YOU CAN'T REACH IT, STEP ON A CHAIR!

UGH!
HIGHER MATHEMATICS
WHAM!

DOBERMAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WAKE UP!
HUH?
HIGHER MATHEMATICS

OKAY, SARGE, I'M UP! YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU EVER SMILED AT ME FOR REVEILLE CALL!
REVEILLE? THAT WAS HOURS AGO! YOU JUST GOT KNOCKED OUT REACHING FOR THE BOOK!
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WHAT BOOK, SARGE? I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT A BOOK!
WHAT BOOK? THE ONE I ASKED YOU TO GET ON HIGHER MATH, SO I CAN WORK OUT A SYSTEM TO BEAT THE ROULETTE WHEEL!

YOU TRYING TO GET A SYSTEM TO BEAT THE ROULETTE WHEEL, SARGE! THAT'S FUNNY! WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME?
ASK YOU? THAT'S FUNNY, ALL RIGHT, DOBERMAN! BUT WE'RE NOT HERE FOR LAUGHS. GIMME THAT BOOK, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

YOU NEED A SYSTEM, SARGE! THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE! TRY BETTING NUMBER 24 ON THE BLACK!
WHAT? I'M NOT HEARING WELL TODAY! I HAVE THE FEELING YOU'RE TELLING ME WHAT NUMBER TO PLAY!

THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE, NUMBER 24 ON THE BLACK WILL WIN! I CAN SEE IT CLEAR AS DAY!
DOBERMAN, I CAN'T AFFORD TO PLAY LUCKY GUESSES AND HUNCHES. GAMBLING IS A SCIENCE TO ME! I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US!

BUT, SARGE, NUMBER 24 WILL WIN! HONEST! I WOULDN'T LIE TO YOU!
ALL RIGHT. TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO. JUST TO TEACH YOU A LESSON, WE'LL MAKE A LITTLE BET. I'LL BET YOU 3 TO 1, OKAY? HERE WE GO!

HUH? NUMBER 24! IT CAME IN!
I TOLD YOU, SARGE- I SAW IT PLAIN AS DAY!
CLICK!
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18
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WAIT A MINUTE! YOU SAW IT PLAIN AS DAY!
THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE. LIKE THE NEXT ONE I CAN SEE WINNING IS 6 ON RED!
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THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU HUNCH PLAYERS.' ONE LUCKY WIN AND ALREADY YOU GOT A SYSTEM.' YOU SEE IT, EH?
YEAH,' ISN'T THAT SWELL, SARGE? I LIKE BEING LUCKY.'
ALL RIGHT, DOBERMAN,' I HATE TO TAKE YOUR MONEY, BUT I SEE I'VE GOT TO TEACH YOU A LESSON.' GET YOUR MONEY UP.'
BUT IT'S SILLY, SARGE.' NUMBER 6 ON THE RED CAN'T LOSE.'
6 ON RED-- GULP!
CLICK!
SEE, SARGE? I TOLD YOU.' I SAW IT CLEAR AS DAY.'
DOBERMAN, WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING?' I DON'T SEE ANYTHING EXCEPT MAYBE THAT I JUST BLEW TEN BUCKS.'
OH, I SEE IT IN MY HEAD, SARGE. RIGHT HERE.' ALL THE NUMBERS.'
GULP! DID YOU SAY ALL THE NUMBERS, DOBERMAN?
THAT'S RIGHT SARGE.' THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF THEM. THEY'RE CROWDING UP MY WHOLE HEAD. NEXT IS 22 ON BLACK, THEN 14 ON RED, THEN 7 ON BLACK, THEN-- WELL, HEH-HEH, NO USE BORING YOU, SARGE.'
OKAY IF I GO NOW, SARGE? I'M LATE FOR THE MOVIES.'
MOVIES? SPEND MONEY? WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR HEAD? DOBERMAN, ARE YOU CRAZY.'

HI-YAH! PLATOON! FRONT AND CENTER!
COMING, SARGE!
WHAT'S UP?
ARE WE ALL HERE? I WOULDN'T WANT ANYBODY TO MISS OUT ON A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!
UH-OH, HERE WE GO, AGAIN.
OH, NO!
ALL RIGHT, WISE GUYS! I DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A REAL PITCH FOR THIS! NOT WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON--A FOOLPROOF SYSTEM TO BEAT THE ROULETTE TABLE!
AW, SARGE, YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM!
YEAH, SARGE!
TAKE THAT MAN'S NAME! IF YOU THINK I CAN'T BEAT 'EM, STICK AROUND! I'LL SHOW YOU PROOF! I'LL SHOW YOU MY FOOLPROOF SYSTEM AT WORK!
YEAH? THAT'LL BE SOMETHIN', ERNIE! SHOW US!
HERE HE IS, BOYS--MY FOOLPROOF SYSTEM--PVT. DOBERMAN! A SHINING LIGHT, HIDDEN TOO LONG UNDER A BUSHEL!
BUT, SARGE, I HAVEN'T BEEN UNDER A BUSHEL! I JUST NEED A HAIRCUT!
HUH? DOBERMAN! THIS IS THE END!
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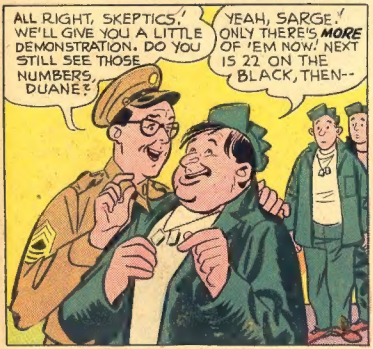
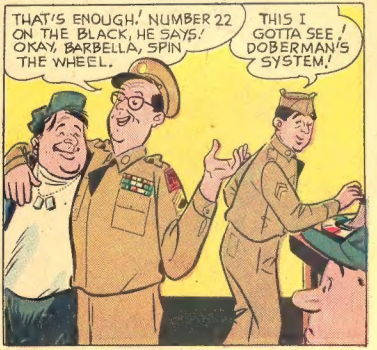
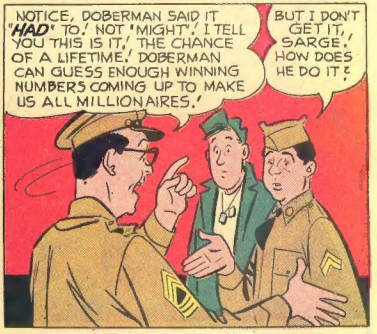

ALL RIGHT, SKEPTICS! WE'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION. DO YOU STILL SEE THOSE NUMBERS, DUANE?
YEAH, SARGE! ONLY THERE'S MORE OF 'EM NOW! NEXT IS 22 ON THE BLACK, THEN--


THAT'S ENOUGH! NUMBER 22 ON THE BLACK, HE SAYS! OKAY, BARBELLA, SPIN THE WHEEL.
THIS I GOTTA SEE! DOBERMAN'S SYSTEM!

THERE YOU ARE, BOYS. NUMBER 22 ON THE BLACK! ANY QUESTIONS?
HUH? IT CAME IN!
OF COURSE! IT HAD TO!
CLICK!


NOTICE, DOBERMAN SAID IT "HAD" TO! NOT "MIGHT"! I TELL YOU THIS IS IT! THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! DOBERMAN CAN GUESS ENOUGH WINNING NUMBERS COMING UP TO MAKE US ALL MILLIONAIRES!
BUT I DON'T GET IT, SARGE! HOW DOES HE DO IT?

HOW DOES HE DO IT!? THE SECRET THAT MATHEMATICIANS, LOGICIANS, BIG BETTERS, CON-MEN, AND GRIFTERS HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR FOR AGES, AND HE ASKS HOW DOES HE DO IT! DID EINSTEIN TELL HOW HE DID IT? FULTON? WATTS? WE HAVE A MAN HERE WITH THE DIVINE GIFT OF THE PERFECT MATHEMATICAL SYSTEM! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT--AND WHAT'S MORE, I DON'T CARE!
OKAY, SARGE, BUT... GOSH, WE NEVER KNEW DOBERMAN HAD TALENT!
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BUT NOW WE KNOW! SO WHAT'S THE PITCH, ERNIE?
SIMPLE! ALL I NEED IS A PASS TO LAS VEGAS FOR ME AND DOBERMAN--AND SOME MONEY TO PLAY WITH--AND WE'LL COME BACK LOADED!

SOUNDS GREAT, ERNIE--ONLY... WELL, MAYBE DOBERMAN WAS LUCKY THERE.
A VERY GOOD POINT, PAPARELLI. IF HE HADN'T CLEANED ME OUT WITH 3 STRAIGHT PASSES, I'D BE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH YOU.
DOBERMAN, WHAT ARE THE NEXT 3 NUMBERS? WE CAN'T HAVE ANY DOUBTING THOMASES HERE.
NEXT IS 14 ON RED, THEN 10 ON RED, THEN 6 ON BLACK, THEN...
ENOUGH! ENOUGH! JUST TO MAKE IT REAL EXCITING, SUPPOSE WE PUT SOME MONEY ON IT? BARBELLA, TAKE THOSE BETS!
I'LL COVER!
FIVE!
TEN!
THERE YOU ARE, MEN! ANYMORE QUESTIONS? HE'S CALLED 10 STRAIGHT PASSES! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN AT LAS VEGAS? $100,000!
HUH? $100,000!
OF COURSE! WITH DOBERMAN'S SYSTEM, AND MY GAMBLING SPIRIT, HOW CAN WE LOSE? WELL, DO I HEAR ANY SUBSCRIBERS?
I'M IN, ERNIE. HERE'S TEN.
I'M IN FOR 20.
HERE'S ALL I GOT-- $17.50-- I'LL DO MY OWN LAUNDRY!
ERNIE, JIGGERS! THE COLONEL!

AS I WAS SAYING, MEN, THE IMPORTANT THING IN WARFARE IS STRATEGY-- KNOW WHEN TO STRIKE, AND --OH, COL. HALL, SIR! I DIDN'T SEE YOU.
TEN-HUT.
BILKO! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! DON'T YOU KNOW GAMBLING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THIS POST?
GAMBLING, SIR? OH, WE'RE NOT GAMBLING! THIS IS A SPECIAL REFRESHER COURSE FOR MEN GOING OVERSEAS. WE DON'T WANT THEM TO BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED! THEY NEED EXPERIENCE, NOT ON THE RED, BARBELLA! NO! NO! NO! THAT NUMBER JUST CAME UP! YOU KNOW ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN 1142 MOVES! TRY 6 ON BLACK!
REFRESHER COURSE?
?
WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR MEN WHEN THEY GO OVERSEAS? WITH THEIR FIRST MONTH'S PAY, THEY VISIT A GAMBLING CASINO--AN AMERICAN SOLDIER, INEXPERIENCED, EXPOSED TO THE WILY FOREIGN GAMBLING OPERATORS! REMEMBER, SIR, THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON MONTE CARLO! WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN PRINCESS GRACE! ARE WE TO STAND BY AND SEE OUR BOYS MADE FOOLS OF? THAT'S BETTER, BARBELLA! YOU DOUBLED THE SQUARE ROOT AND WON! SPLENDID! WE WON'T BE ASHAMED OF YOU!
BILKO--I FAIL TO SEE--
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A MONTH'S PAY GONE WITH THE TURN OF A WHEEL! AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS? REMORSE SETS IN-- SHAME--PERHAPS HE HAS HIS SERVICE REVOLVER ON HIM-- A SHOT RINGS OUT IN THE NIGHT--
BILKO, YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING--
THEN WHAT HAPPENS, SIR? NEWSPAPERS PICK UP THE STORY-- HEADLINES--SENATORIAL INVESTIGATIONS! YOU KNOW THE REST, SIR!
>GULP!< SENATORIAL INVESTIGATIONS!
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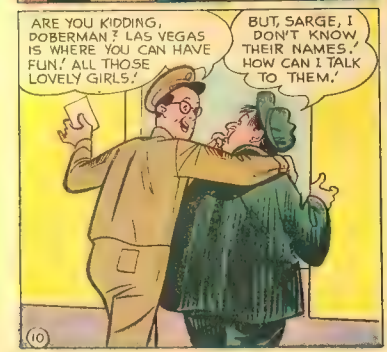
NATURALLY, SIR, BUT OUR BOYS WILL KNOW BETTER! THEY'LL KNOW THE ODDS AGAINST THEM-- AND AFTER ALL, SIR, WASN'T THAT THE VERY QUALITY THAT MADE YOU THE FEARED CAMPAIGNER YOU WERE, SIR? KNOWING WHAT LITTLE YOU HAD BEHIND YOU, YET DARING TO FACE THE UNKNOWN.
ER-- VERY WELL, BILKO, CARRY ON.

TOO BAD, SARGE.'
YEAH, TOUGH LUCK, ERNIE.'
YOU GUYS KIDDING? WHY?

HE'LL NEVER LET YOU GET OFF THE POST NOW!
WHY NOT? I'VE GOT A FURLOUGH COMING! BESIDES, WHEN I CLEAN UP AT LAS VEGAS, MAYBE I'LL BUY THE POST FOR HIM. HE'S NOT A BAD GUY.'

IN FACT, I'M GOING TO TAKE THE FURLOUGH PAPERS FOR DOBERMAN AND ME, FOR HIM TO SIGN RIGHT NOW.'
GEE, SARGE.' YOU MEAN YOU'RE TAKING ME WI YOU?

OF COURSE, DUANE.' THIS WHOLE SET-UP DEPENDS ON YOU.' WITHOUT YOUR MIRACLE BRAIN, WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.'
GEE, SARGE, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M READY TO GO TO LAS VEGAS YET...


ARE YOU KIDDING, DOBERMAN? LAS VEGAS IS WHERE YOU CAN HAVE FUN.' ALL THOSE LOVELY GIRLS.'
BUT, SARGE, I DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES.' HOW CAN I TALK TO THEM.'

SGT. BILKO TO SEE YOU, SIR.'
BILKO? WHAT DOES HE WANT? ALL RIGHT.' SEND HIM IN.'

SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU, SIR--IF YOU'LL JUST SIGN THESE PAPERS--A FEW PASSES FOR THE BOYS, SIR.'
HMM--YES. I SEE YOU HAVE YOURSELF DOWN FOR ONE, TOO. WELL, I GUESS WE CAN--WAIT A MINUTE.' LAS VEGAS.'
YES, SIR.' YOU SEE, I THOUGHT AS LONG AS I WAS IN CHARGE OF THE REFRESHER COURSE, I'D BETTER CHECK MY FACTS A LITTLE MORE THOROUGHLY--
YES INDEED, AND I CAN JUST SEE THE PUBLICITY.'
PUBLICITY, SIR? I ASSURE YOU NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOING.' THE THOUGHT JUST OCCURRED TO ME--
AND IT ALSO OCCURS TO ME, BILKO, THAT YOU'LL BE GOING TO LAS VEGAS WEARING THE UNIFORM OF A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.' BUT YOU WON'T LOSE--YOU'LL CLEAN THEM OUT.'
CLEAN THEM OUT, SIR? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SIR.' THEY HAVE THE SMARTEST GAMBLERS AT LAS VEGAS.'
NEVERTHELESS, YOU'LL CLEAN THEM OUT.' I HAPPEN TO KNOW, BILKO, YOU HAVEN'T LOST ONCE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN ON THIS POST.' YOU THINK I WANT WORD TO GET OUT THAT ONE OF MY MEN CAN BEAT THE TOP GAMBLERS IN THE COUNTRY AT THEIR OWN RACKET?
THE PUBLIC WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE TEACHING OUR BOYS AT FORT BAXTER.'
BUT, SIR--I ASSURE THE COLONEL--
NO DICE, BILKO.' AND NO FURLOUGH.' ABSOLUTELY NO.' AND POSITIVELY.' THAT'LL BE ALL.'
Y-YES, SIR.'

...SO THAT'S IT, BOYS! I TRIED--BUT IT'S ALL OFF! I CAN'T GET THE FURLOUGH!
THAT'S TOUGH, SARGE--BUT IT'S NOT HOPELESS--THE OLD MAN DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DOBERMAN NOT GOING, DID HE?
YEAH, AFTER ALL, IN THIS CASE, HE'S THE BRAIN! IT'S HIS SYSTEM!
OH, I CAN'T GO WITHOUT SGT. BILKO, FELLAS!
WAIT A MINUTE! DOBERMAN HIMSELF? I DUNNO--IT'S KIND OF RISKY, BUT--DOBERMAN, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THIS? I SHOULD HAVE MY HEAD EXAMINED FOR ASKING--BUT--MAYBE---
I--I GUESS SO, SARGE--
ALL RIGHT! TELL ME WHAT YOU'LL DO WHEN YOU GET THERE WITH OUR MONEY.
I'LL LOOK UP ONE OF THE PRETTY GIRLS YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT, SARGE.
THAT'S ALL! THERE GOES THE BANKROLL! NO DICE! WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!
DID I SAY THE WRONG ANSWER, SARGE?
HEY, ERNIE! BRACE YOURSELF! FORT BAXTER'S GETTING A VISITOR!
A VISITOR? DON'T TELL ME MARILYN MONROE FINALLY GOT AROUND TO ANSWERING MY LETTERS IN PERSON!
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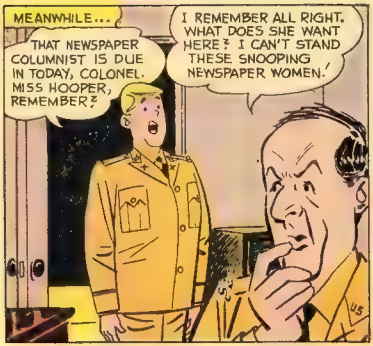
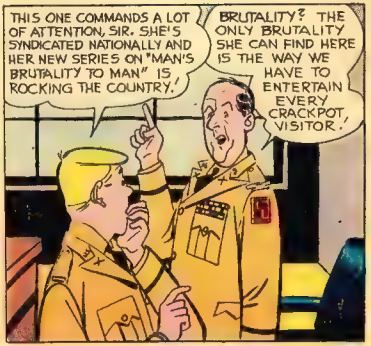
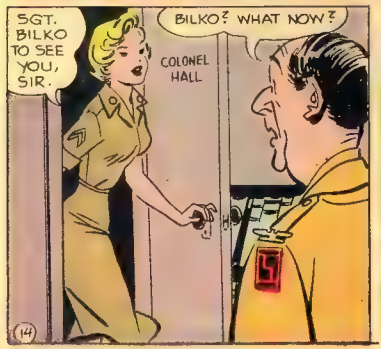
NO SUCH LUCK! BUT THIS DAME'S FROM HOLLYWOOD, TOO--SHE WRITES A SOB-SISTER TYPE NEWSPAPER COLUMN! HEDY HOOPER! YOU KNOW, THE DAME WHO STARTED THAT BIG FUSS ABOUT WANTING CONGRESS TO MAKE EVERYBODY PUT SOAP SUDS IN BIRD BATHS SO THE BIRDS WOULD BE CLEANER!
HEDY HOOPER COMING HERE? SHE MUST BE WANTING TO INTERVIEW THAT PIGEON WHO'S RETIRING FROM THE SIGNAL CORPS!
OH, NO! SHE'S CHANGED HER COLUMN LATELY. NOW SHE'S ON A KICK ABOUT MAN'S BRUTALITY TO HIS FELLOW MAN!
IF SHE'S INTERESTED IN BRUTALITY, LET HER INVESTIGATE SGT. RITZIK'S COOKING IN THE MESS HALL! THAT'S BRUTALITY!
NO KIDDING, SARGE! I GOT ONE OF HER LATEST COLUMNS, SEE?
I'LL READ IT. MAYBE IT'LL TAKE AWAY MY APPETITE, THEN I CAN GO EAT.
BOYS! THIS GAL IS DYNAMITE! LISTEN! "HOW CAN WE ENTRUST OUR BOYS TO THE BRUTAL COARSENING INFLUENCES OF THE KIND OF TOP-SERGEANT WE HAVE IN THE ARMED SERVICES? SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO SAVE OUR BOYS FROM THE CRUEL AND HEARTLESS TREATMENT OF THESE UNCOUTH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS!"
THAT'S IT! SOMETHING'S GONNA BE DONE, ALL RIGHT! BOYS, NOW I KNOW I'M GOING TO LAS VEGAS! THE COLONEL WILL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO GET ME OFF THE FIELD!
HOW COME, ERNIE? YOU'RE NOT CRUEL AND HEARTLESS TO US. YOU ONLY TAKE OUR MONEY!
I'LL TELL YOU HOW COME! BECAUSE IF SHE'S LOOKING FOR BRUTALITY--YOU GUYS ARE GONNA ACT AS LIKE YOU'VE HAD IT! I WANT THINGS TO LOOK SO TOUGH FOR YOU GUYS THAT COMPARED TO MY PLATOON AT FORT BAXTER, THE SPANISH INQUISITION WAS JUST A SOCIAL OUTING!
WOW! I GET YOU, SARGE! YOU WANT US TO ACT LIKE WE'VE BEEN GETTING THE WORKS! SWELL!


MEANWHILE...
THAT NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST IS DUE IN TODAY, COLONEL. MISS HOOPER, REMEMBER?
I REMEMBER ALL RIGHT. WHAT DOES SHE WANT HERE? I CAN'T STAND THESE SNOOPING NEWSPAPER WOMEN.'


THIS ONE COMMANDS A LOT OF ATTENTION, SIR. SHE'S SYNDICATED NATIONALLY AND HER NEW SERIES ON "MAN'S BRUTALITY TO MAN" IS ROCKING THE COUNTRY.'
BRUTALITY? THE ONLY BRUTALITY SHE CAN FIND HERE IS THE WAY WE HAVE TO ENTERTAIN EVERY CRACKPOT VISITOR.'

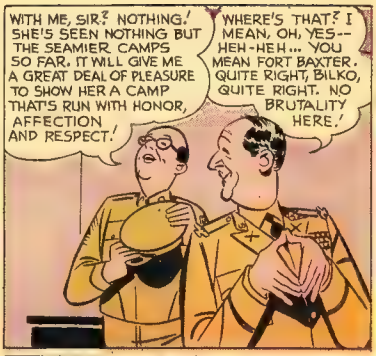
I'M SURE WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, SIR. IN FACT, IN HER INVESTIGATION OF ARMY CONDITIONS, YOUR POST MIGHT VERY WELL WIN A COMMENDATION FROM MISS HOOPER. AND THAT WOULDN'T HURT YOU AT THE PENTAGON.'
GREAT SCOTT.' YOU MEAN EVEN THE PENTAGON LISTENS TO THAT WOMAN.' NO WONDER THE ARMY IS IN THE SHAPE IT'S IN.'

ALL RIGHT.' I'LL SEE HER.' BUT GET HER OFF THE POST AS SOON AS SHE'S FINISHED HER BUSINESS.'
YES, SIR.'

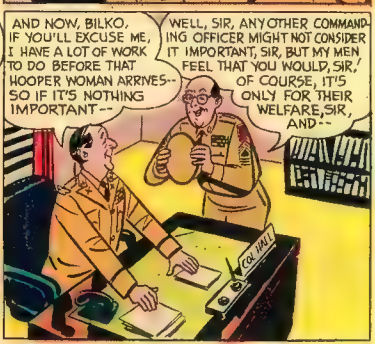

SGT. BILKO TO SEE YOU, SIR.
COLONEL HALL
BILKO? WHAT NOW?

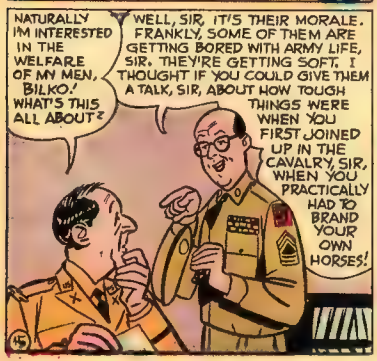
AH, SIR.' MAY I SAY YOU'RE LOOKING FIT.' THAT SAME ALERT LOOK THAT QUELLED THEM IN THE ARGONNE, THE BULGE, THE P.X.'S.'
SKIP IT, BILKO.' I SAID NO FURLOUGH, AND IT STILL GOES.'

FURLOUGH, SIR? I WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT NOW, WITH OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR COMING./
THAT MISS HOOPER PERSON? WHAT'S SHE GOT TO DO WITH YOU?


WITH ME, SIR? NOTHING./ SHE'S SEEN NOTHING BUT THE SEAMIER CAMPS SO FAR. IT WILL GIVE ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO SHOW HER A CAMP THAT'S RUN WITH HONOR, AFFECTION AND RESPECT./
WHERE'S THAT? I MEAN, OH, YES-- HEH-HEH... YOU MEAN FORT BAXTER. QUITE RIGHT, BILKO, QUITE RIGHT. NO BRUTALITY HERE./

BRUTALITY? HERE, SIR? WHY, THE MEN WORSHIP YOU, SIR./ THEY'D WALK ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES FOR YOU, SIR./
WELL, HEH-HEH, THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO QUITE THAT FAR, BILKO. IN FACT, IF I SAW YOUR MEN ON THEIR FEET MORE OFTEN, THAT WOULD SATISFY ME./


AND NOW, BILKO, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO BEFORE THAT HOOPER WOMAN ARRIVES-- SO IF IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT--
WELL, SIR, ANY OTHER COMMANDING OFFICER MIGHT NOT CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT, SIR, BUT MY MEN FEEL THAT YOU WOULD, SIR,/ OF COURSE, IT'S ONLY FOR THEIR WELFARE, SIR, AND--


NATURALLY I'M INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF MY MEN, BILKO./ WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
WELL, SIR, IT'S THEIR MORALE. FRANKLY, SOME OF THEM ARE GETTING BORED WITH ARMY LIFE, SIR. THEY'RE GETTING SOFT. I THOUGHT IF YOU COULD GIVE THEM A TALK, SIR, ABOUT HOW TOUGH THINGS WERE WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED UP IN THE CAVALRY, SIR, WHEN YOU PRACTICALLY HAD TO BRAND YOUR OWN HORSES!

PRACTICALLY? WE DID! FIRST WE HAD TO STEAL 'EM--AHEM--THEN BRAND 'EM! BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR MEN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THAT?
ESPECIALLY THE BRANDING, SIR! I KNOW FOR A FACT, SIR, THEY WOULD COME AWAY FROM IT, SIR, WITH A NEW RESPECT FOR YOU. THEY'RE CRAZY ABOUT COWBOYS./

HARUMPH! WELL OF COURSE, BILKO, IF YOU REALLY THINK THEY'D LIKE IT--FINE.' I USED TO DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB WITH A BRANDING IRON, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.'
OH, THANK YOU, SIR.' THE MEN WILL BE SO GRATEFUL--AND OF COURSE, IT WON'T GO UNNOTICED AT THE PENTAGON EITHER, I DARE-SAY!
AT THE PENTAGON? DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE SENDING DOWN SOMEBODY TO WATCH THIS, TOO.'
NO, SIR, I ONLY MEANT THE MEN WILL BE LOOKING AT YOU WITH NEW RESPECT, A LOOK, I DARESAY, THAT WON'T GO UNNOTICED BY A SHARP-EYED NEWSPAPER WOMAN WHO WILL BE ON THE POST AT THE TIME--
COLONEL! EXCUSE ME, SIR.' MISS HOOPER IS HERE WITH HER CAMERA-MAN.'
WHAT? OH.' YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, BILKO. YOU MAY TELL YOUR MEN THEY CAN COUNT ON ME.'
THANK YOU, SIR.'
AH! COLONEL HALL, HOW NICE TO SEE YOU.'
ER--PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MISS HOOPER--
OH, COLONEL, EXCUSE ME! WILL THAT BE ONE BRANDING IRON OR TWO?
WHAT?
EH?
I JUST HAPPENED TO THINK, SIR, THAT ONE MIGHT BE HEATING UP WHILE YOU'RE USING THE OTHER ONE-- IT WOULD SAVE TIME.
ER--YES--BILKO...THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! MAKE IT TWO AND SEE THAT THEY'RE PLENTY HOT.'
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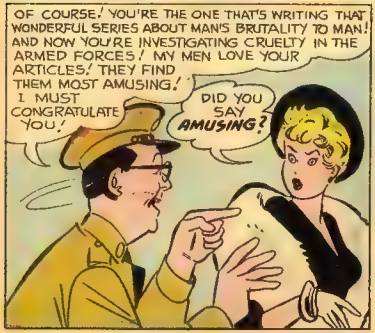
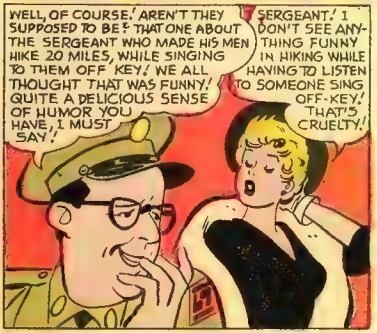
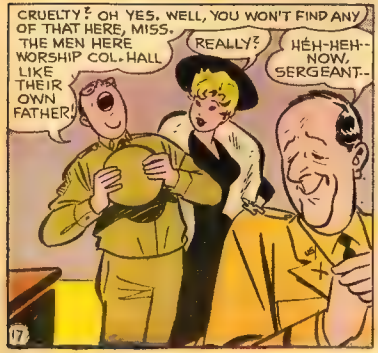
BRANDING IRONS? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I BEG YOUR PARDON, YOUNG LADY?
OH DEAR!

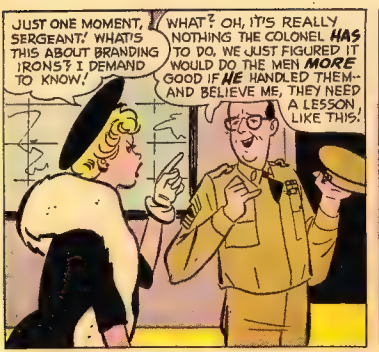
ER--SGT. BILKO--THIS IS MISS HOOPER, VISITING US ON BEHALF OF HER NEWSPAPER.
HOOPER--HOOPER... I KNOW THAT NAME--I KNOW IT! I KNOW IT! DON'T TELL ME!

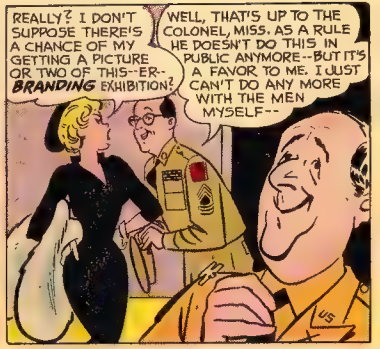

OF COURSE! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S WRITING THAT WONDERFUL SERIES ABOUT MAN'S BRUTALITY TO MAN! AND NOW YOU'RE INVESTIGATING CRUELTY IN THE ARMED FORCES! MY MEN LOVE YOUR ARTICLES! THEY FIND THEM MOST AMUSING! I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU!
DID YOU SAY AMUSING?

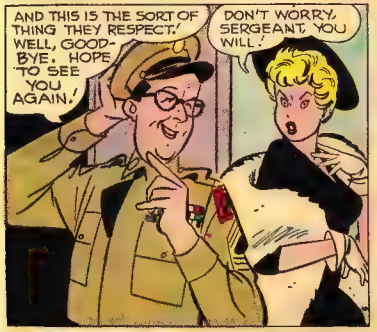

WELL, OF COURSE! AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE? THAT ONE ABOUT THE SERGEANT WHO MADE HIS MEN HIKE 20 MILES, WHILE SINGING TO THEM OFF KEY! WE ALL THOUGHT THAT WAS FUNNY! QUITE A DELICIOUS SENSE OF HUMOR YOU HAVE, I MUST SAY!
SERGEANT! I DON'T SEE ANYTHING FUNNY IN HIKING WHILE HAVING TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE SING OFF-KEY! THAT'S CRUELTY!

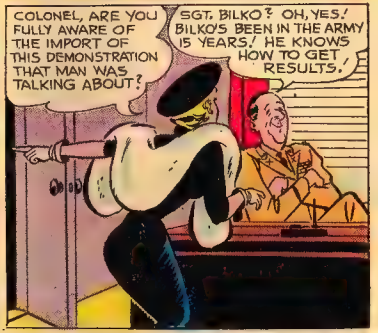

CRUELTY? OH YES. WELL, YOU WON'T FIND ANY OF THAT HERE, MISS. THE MEN HERE WORSHIP COL. HALL LIKE THEIR OWN FATHER!
REALLY?
HEH-HEH--NOW, SERGEANT.-

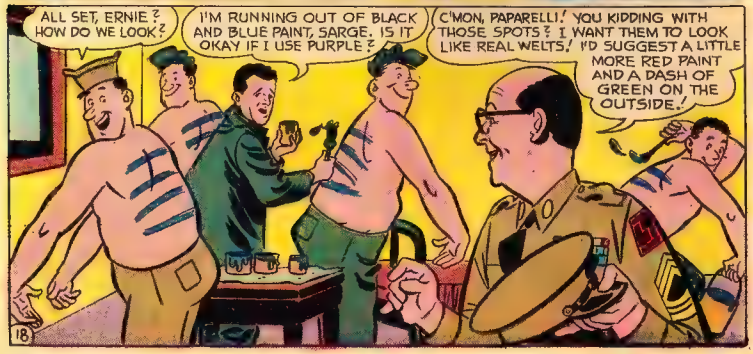
AND NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--I HOPE YOU HAVE A PLEASANT STAY HERE, MISS HOOPER--I'VE GOT TO SEE ABOUT THOSE BRANDING IRONS, COLONEL. I WANT THIS TO BE A LESSON THOSE MEN WON'T FORGET!
WHAT'S THAT?


JUST ONE MOMENT, SERGEANT! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT BRANDING IRONS? I DEMAND TO KNOW!
WHAT? OH, IT'S REALLY NOTHING THE COLONEL HAS TO DO. WE JUST FIGURED IT WOULD DO THE MEN MORE GOOD IF HE HANDLED THEM-- AND BELIEVE ME, THEY NEED A LESSON LIKE THIS!


REALLY? I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S A CHANCE OF MY GETTING A PICTURE OR TWO OF THIS--ER-- BRANDING EXHIBITION?
WELL, THAT'S UP TO THE COLONEL, MISS. AS A RULE HE DOESN'T DO THIS IN PUBLIC ANYMORE--BUT IT'S A FAVOR TO ME. I JUST CAN'T DO ANY MORE WITH THE MEN MYSELF--


AND THIS IS THE SORT OF THING THEY RESPECT! WELL, GOOD-BYE. HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
DON'T WORRY, SERGEANT, YOU WILL!


COLONEL, ARE YOU FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORT OF THIS DEMONSTRATION THAT MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT?
SGT. BILKO? OH, YES! BILKO'S BEEN IN THE ARMY 15 YEARS! HE KNOWS HOW TO GET RESULTS!


ALL SET, ERNIE? HOW DO WE LOOK?
I'M RUNNING OUT OF BLACK AND BLUE PAINT, SARGE. IS IT OKAY IF I USE PURPLE?
C'MON, PAPARELLI! YOU KIDDING WITH THOSE SPOTS? I WANT THEM TO LOOK LIKE REAL WELTS! I'D SUGGEST A LITTLE MORE RED PAINT AND A DASH OF GREEN ON THE OUTSIDE!

HEY, ERNIE! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
A BOWLING BALL? GOOD! GO DOWN TO THE MAIN GATE AND TAKE DOWN THOSE HEAVY CHAINS THEY HAVE THERE. THEN GO DOWN TO SUPPLY AND HAVE THEM WELDED ON!
THESE HANDCUFFS OKAY?
YEAH! THEY'LL DO! BUT BEFORE YOU PUT 'EM ON, PAINT ON A LITTLE IODINE AND KETCHUP. I WANT THEM TO HAVE THAT "LIVED-IN" LOOK!
OKAY, SARGE, HOW DO WE LOOK?
SPLENDID, SPLENDID! JUST REMEMBER, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MEN UNDER THE YOKE OF BRUTALITY! I WANT ALL THE GROANS YOU USUALLY RESERVE JUST FOR THE WORK DETAILS!
DOBERMAN! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? WHY DON'T YOU HAVE STRIPES PAINTED ON YOUR BACK?
AW, SARGE, I THOUGHT STRIPES MADE ME LOOK TOO FAT. CAN'T I HAVE SOMETHING IN POLKA DOTS INSTEAD?
AND THIS IS THE BARRACKS OF BILKO'S PLATOON, MISS HOOPER. WE'LL GO INSIDE AND YOU CAN SEE--
IF YOU DON'T MIND, COLONEL, WE'D LIKE TO SEE IT ALONE! I'VE FOUND THE MEN ACT MORE NATURAL WITHOUT THE COMMANDING OFFICER AROUND! BESIDES, SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING UP FOR YOUR BRANDING DEMONSTRATION? I SHOULD IMAGINE THAT WOULD BE QUITE AN ORDEAL!
AN ORDEAL? BLESS ME-- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT! IT SHOULD BE FUN!
FUN?
COME, FELIX, AND KEEP YOUR CAMERA READY. I'VE AN IDEA WE GOT TO THIS FIELD JUST IN TIME!

LISTEN!
NO, SERGEANT! PLEASE! NO MORE! THIRTY LASHES IS ENOUGH!
ALL RIGHT, SOLDIER, I'LL GO EASY WITH YOU THIS TIME. IN THE FUTURE, MAKE YOUR BED PROPERLY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
WHAT? OH, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU SO SOON, MISS HOOPER. TEN HUT!
VISITORS, MEN! HAPPY, HAPPY! I WANT TO SEE A BIG SMILE ON EVERYBODY'S FACE!
OOOH! OKAY, SARGE, I'LL TRY! YOU KNOW ME!
HOW'S THIS, SARGE!?
PLEASE, SARGE, IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
FELIX, DO YOU HEAR THIS!? THE WAY HE HAS THEM GROVELING!
CLAP! CLAP!
SGT. BILKO! LOOK AT THAT MAN'S BACK! WHY, IT'S BLACK AND BLUE!
WHAT'S THAT? OH, YES! IT REALLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN PURPLE WITH REDDISH OVERTONES, BUT I'M AFRAID PAPARELLI LET US DOWN TODAY!
WHY, YOU FIEND! SOLDIER, YOU CAN TELL ME--I'M YOUR FRIEND. WERE YOU BEATEN JUST NOW?
YES, MA'AM. BUT I WAS LUCKY-- ONLY 30 LASHES THIS TIME!

ONLY 30 LASHES?!
OH, BUT I HAD IT COMING TO ME! YOU SEE, I FORGOT TO MAKE MY BED PROPERLY!
YOU SEE, SGT. BILKO IS MY FRIEND!
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GOODNESS! THEY'RE LIKE ZOMBIES!
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CLANK! CLANK!
T-THAT MAN'S S-SHACKLED! WHY, THIS IS MONSTROUS!
YOUNG MAN, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU! WHAT TERRIBLE THING HAVE YOU DONE TO DESERVE THIS PUNISHMENT?
I DIDN'T SHINE MY SHOES...
BUT I CAN'T COMPLAIN! IT'S POOR DOBERMAN I'M WORRIED ABOUT! I'M GLAD I'M NOT IN HIS SHOES! OOOH!
WHY, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM? SPEAK, MAN! WHAT DID HE DO?

IS... IT... ALL RIGHT IF I TELL, SGT. BILKO?
SURE, TALK ALL YOU WANT.' SHE CAN'T HURT US.' THIS IS THE ARMY.'
WELL.' WE'LL SOON SEE ABOUT THAT.' ALL RIGHT, SOLDIER, TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FRIEND.'
OH, YOU MEAN DUANE? HE WAS REAL CARELESS, POOR KID.' HE LEFT A LITTLE DUST ON TOP OF HIS FOOTLOCKER WHERE IT SHOWED! THAT'S BAD.' REAL BAD!
A LITTLE DUST SHOWING ON THE FOOTLOCKER IS BAD? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM? I GUESS A GOOD WHIPPING, EH?
WHIPPING? ARE YOU KIDDING, LADY? HE AIN'T THAT LUCKY.' I TOLD YOU HE DID SOMETHING REAL BAD!
I THINK HE'S GONNA GET SPECIAL ATTENTION FROM THE COLONEL, LATER.'
GOOD HEAVENS.' YOU-- YOU DON'T MEAN THE-- THE BRANDING IRONS!
YEAH-- BUT IT REALLY AIN'T SO BAD-- AFTER A WHILE YOU GET USED TO IT.' YOU FINISHED WITH ME, LADY?
YES, SOLDIER, AND THANK YOU FOR TELLING US THE TRUTH.' HAVE COURAGE.' YOU HAVE FRIENDS.' I'LL SPREAD THE NEWS OF THIS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!
MAY I GO NOW, MASTER?
YEAH.' BUT LIST YOUR FEET A LITTLE.' YOU'RE MAKING SO MUCH NOISE WALKING AROUND WITH THAT THING ALL NIGHT, I CAN'T SLEEP.'
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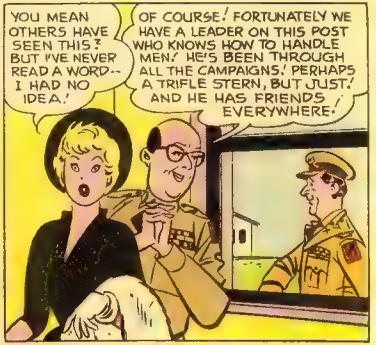
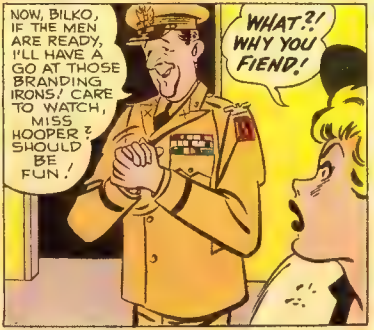
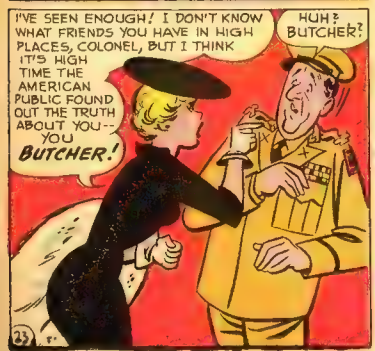
SGT. BILKO, I CAN SEE NOW WHY YOU THOUGHT MY ARTICLES WERE SO AMUSING.' I CAN ASSURE YOU, YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE END OF THIS.'
OH, PLEASE, PLEASE.' YOU NEWSPAPER PEOPLE ARE ALL ALIKE.' SURELY YOU DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO SEE HOW WE ADMINISTER DISCIPLINE ON THIS POST.'

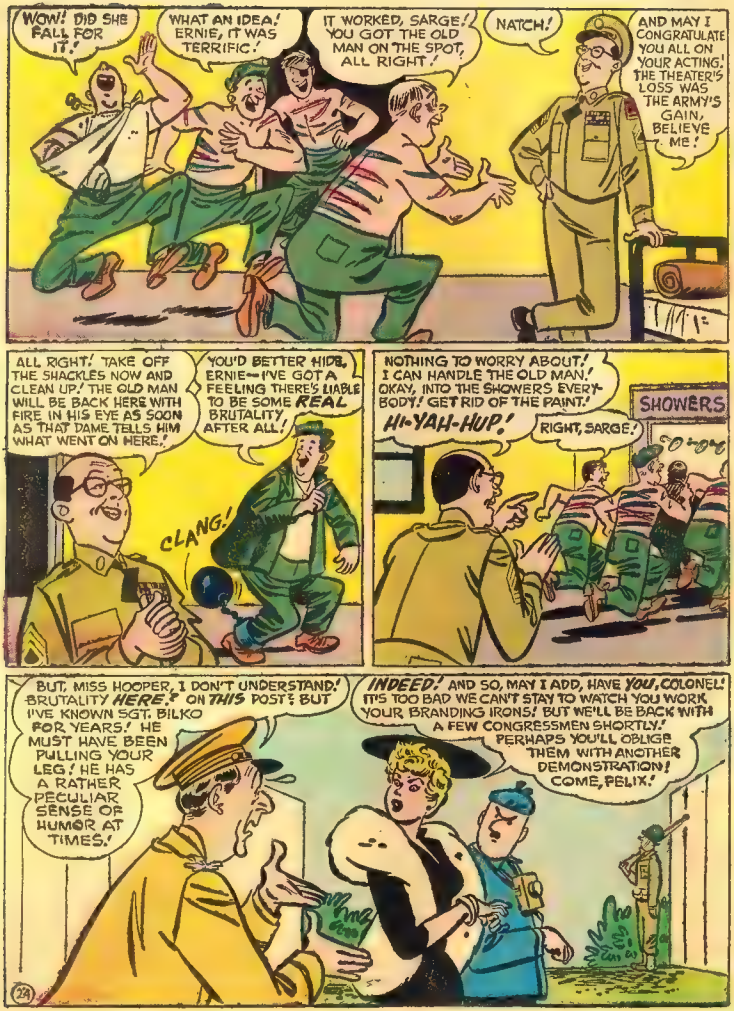

YOU MEAN OTHERS HAVE SEEN THIS? BUT I'VE NEVER READ A WORD-- I HAD NO IDEA.'
OF COURSE.' FORTUNATELY WE HAVE A LEADER ON THIS POST WHO KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE MEN.' HE'S BEEN THROUGH ALL THE CAMPAIGNS.' PERHAPS A TRIFLE STERN, BUT JUST.' AND HE HAS FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.

OH, COLONEL HALL.' GLAD TO SEE YOU, SIR.' I WAS JUST TELLING MISS HOOPER OF YOUR MATCHLESS QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAVE HELPED TO MAKE MEN OF US.'
WHAT--OH-- HEH-HEH.' THANK YOU, SERGEANT.' I HOPE YOU GOT YOUR STORY, MISS HOOPER.'


NOW, BILKO, IF THE MEN ARE READY, I'LL HAVE A GO AT THOSE BRANDING IRONS.' CARE TO WATCH, MISS HOOPER? SHOULD BE FUN.'
WHAT?! WHY YOU FIEND!


I'VE SEEN ENOUGH.' I DON'T KNOW WHAT FRIENDS YOU HAVE IN HIGH PLACES, COLONEL, BUT I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FOUND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU-- YOU BUTCHER.'
HUH? BUTCHER?

MISS HOOPER.' WAIT.' THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.' KEEP THOSE IRONS HOT, BILKO, I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN.'
YES, SIR.' TAKE YOUR TIME, SIR.' IT'S OUR PLEASURE, SIR.'

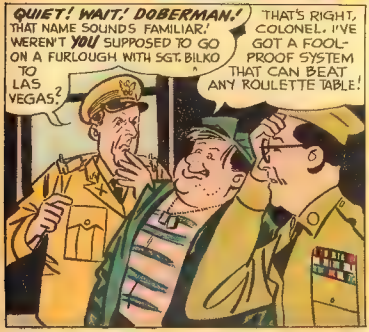

WOW! DID SHE FALL FOR IT!
WHAT AN IDEA, ERNIE, IT WAS TERRIFIC!
IT WORKED, SARGE! YOU GOT THE OLD MAN ON THE SPOT, ALL RIGHT!
NATCH!
AND MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON YOUR ACTING. THE THEATER'S LOSS WAS THE ARMY'S GAIN, BELIEVE ME!
ALL RIGHT! TAKE OFF THE SHACKLES NOW AND CLEAN UP. THE OLD MAN WILL BE BACK HERE WITH FIRE IN HIS EYE AS SOON AS THAT DAME TELLS HIM WHAT WENT ON HERE.
YOU'D BETTER HIDE, ERNIE—I'VE GOT A FEELING THERE'S LIABLE TO BE SOME REAL BRUTALITY, AFTER ALL!
CLANG!
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! I CAN HANDLE THE OLD MAN. OKAY, INTO THE SHOWERS EVERYBODY! GET RID OF THE PAINT!
HI-YAH-HUP!
RIGHT, SARGE!
SHOWERS
BUT, MISS HOOPER, I DON'T UNDERSTAND! BRUTALITY HERE? ON THIS POST? BUT I'VE KNOWN SGT. BILKO FOR YEARS! HE MUST HAVE BEEN PULLING YOUR LEG! HE HAS A RATHER PECULIAR SENSE OF HUMOR AT TIMES.
INDEED! AND SO, MAY I ADD, HAVE YOU, COLONEL! IT'S TOO BAD WE CAN'T STAY TO WATCH YOU WORK YOUR BRANDING IRONS! BUT WE'LL BE BACK WITH A FEW CONGRESSMEN SHORTLY. PERHAPS YOU'LL OBLIGE THEM WITH ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION! COME, FELIX.

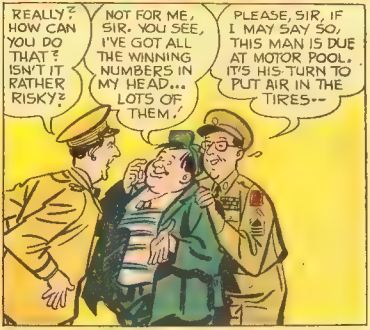
CONGRESS-MEN?
HERE ON THIS POST?
OH, NO!
BILKO!
WHAT'D I TELL YOU!? RIGHT ON THE NOSE.'
BILKO! WHAT WENT ON HERE? THAT MISS HOOPER WAS LIVID! SHE'S GOING DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON! SHE'S GOING TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON BRUTALITY HERE.'
OH, SIR, YOU KNOW THESE GOSSIP COLUMNISTS. JUST BECAUSE I WOULDN'T DIVULGE ANY OF YOUR PERSONAL HABITS SHE FEELS SHE CAN INTIMIDATE US! BUT DON'T WORRY, SIR, MY LIPS ARE SEALED!
MY PERSONAL HABITS? YOU MEAN YOU—HARUMPH.' BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BEATINGS? SHE SAID THE MEN SHE SAW WERE BLACK AND BLUE!
REALLY, SIR, YOU'LL AGREE THIS WAS A VERY HYSTERICAL WOMAN...
... AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, SIR, MY MEN ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. DO THEY LOOK LIKE BEATEN MEN, SIR?
WHY—ER—NO... 'COURSE NOT, THEY LOOK FINE! NICE AND NEAT.' IN FACT, I CAN'T RECALL EVER SEEING THEM THIS CLEAN.'

ALL THAT TROUBLE! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO IF THOSE CONGRESSMEN REALLY COME HERE?
ER--IN THAT CASE, SIR, MAY I SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU AND THE POST IF I WEREN'T HERE, SIR, WHEN THEY CAME.
NOT HERE? WHY? WHERE WILL YOU BE?
IF YOU RECALL, SIR, THOSE FURLOUGH PAPERS I BROUGHT YOU TO SIGN WERE DATED BEFORE MISS HOOPER'S VISIT. IF I WAS AWAY ON FURLOUGH, NATURALLY I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HERE WHEN SHE WAS! IT WOULD MAKE HER STATEMENT A LIE, SIR.
HM! NOT A BAD IDEA! ALL RIGHT, BILKO, BRING THOSE PAPERS AROUND TO MY OFFICE, AND I'LL SIGN THEM. I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH VISITING CONGRESSMEN!
YES, SIR. I'LL DO THAT, SIR--ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP, SIR.
OH, SARGE! HOW DO I LOOK? I FINALLY GOT THESE BLACK AND BLUE WELTS PAINTED ON ME LIKE YOU WANTED! OKAY?
WHAT'S THAT?
HUH? DOBERMAN!
NO, NO, DOBERMAN! YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG! I SAID A BLACK OR BLUE BELT--TO GO WITH YOUR UNIFORM!
OH, I GOT THAT, SARGE, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE STRIPES TO MAKE ME LOOK BEAT UP LIKE THE OTHERS! I DON'T WANT HER TO THINK YOU BEAT UP EVERYBODY BUT ME! SHE'LL THINK I'M TEACHER'S PET!
BILKO! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
ER--NOTHING, SIR. PVT. DOBERMAN HERE IS TRYING OUT FOR A PART IN A PLAY WE'RE DOING... NOT NOW, DOBERMAN, CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY? I'LL HEAR YOUR LINES LATER!
BUT, SARGE--

WAIT A MINUTE! I THINK I'M GETTING ON TO THIS, PVT. DOBERMAN, WHAT PART IN WHAT PLAY ARE YOU REHEARSING?
OH, I'M THE ONE WHO WAS GONNA YELL AND SCREAM REAL LOUD WHEN YOU BROUGHT OUT THE BRANDING IRONS, COLONEL.

SO! NO BRUTALITY, EH? NO WONDER MISS HOOPER CALLED ME--A--A BUTCHER!!
DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, SIR. WE'LL ALL STAND UP BEHIND YOU, SIR, NO MATTER WHAT SHE CALLS YOU!


QUIET! WAIT! DOBERMAN! THAT NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR. WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO GO ON A FURLOUGH WITH SGT. BILKO TO LAS VEGAS?
THAT'S RIGHT, COLONEL. I'VE GOT A FOOL-PROOF SYSTEM THAT CAN BEAT ANY ROULETTE TABLE!


REALLY? HOW CAN YOU DO THAT? ISN'T IT RATHER RISKY?
NOT FOR ME, SIR. YOU SEE, I'VE GOT ALL THE WINNING NUMBERS IN MY HEAD... LOTS OF THEM.
PLEASE, SIR, IF I MAY SAY SO, THIS MAN IS DUE AT MOTOR POOL. IT'S HIS TURN TO PUT AIR IN THE TIRES--

KEEP OUT OF THIS, BILKO. SO YOU SEE THE WINNING NUMBERS, EH? I THINK WE CAN DIG UP A ROULETTE TABLE HERE, WHILE YOU TELL US A FEW NUMBERS YOU THINK WILL WIN, PRIVATE...
OH, I KNOW THEY'LL WIN, COLONEL. I CAN SEE 'EM IN MY HEAD. FIRST, THERE'S 21 ON RED. THEN 16, THEN 22 ON BLACK, THEN--

GOOD HEAVENS! THIS IS REMARKABLE! THE MAN IS A GENIUS! IT WON!
OH, HE'S JUST HAVING A RUN OF LUCK, SIR. IT'S REALLY NOTHING--
CLICK!

LUCKY? HE'S WON EVERY TIME HE'S CALLED THEM!
HOW MANY NUMBERS DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL WIN, DOBERMAN?
WELL, SIR, THERE'S 9 ON RED, THEN 16 ON BLACK, THEN 28, THEN 4 ON RED, THEN 2 ON BLACK, THEN 7, THEN 10, 14, THEN--
DOBERMAN! PLEASE! YOU'LL USE IT UP!
BE QUIET, BILKO! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MAN IS?
YES, I DO, COLONEL, BUT I'D RATHER NOT SAY IN FRONT OF YOU, SIR.
WHY, HE'S A MATHEMATICAL WIZARD! AND YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING HIM FROM ME! WHY, HE'D BE INVALUABLE AT FIGURE WORK WHERE NO MECHANICAL BRAIN IS POSSIBLE! IF THE PENTAGON CAN'T USE HIM--
I CAN! THAT MAN IS OFFICER MATERIAL!
WHAT? DOBERMAN AN OFFICER? I ASSURE YOU, EVEN THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE...
COME WITH ME, SOLDIER! I THINK YOU'RE HEADED FOR A BRILLIANT FUTURE! THE ARMY NEEDS MEN LIKE YOU!
BUT FIRST, WE'LL WASH OFF THOSE WELTS!
A FUTURE, COLONEL? GEE, THAT'S GREAT! MAYBE I OUGHTTA RE-ENLIST!
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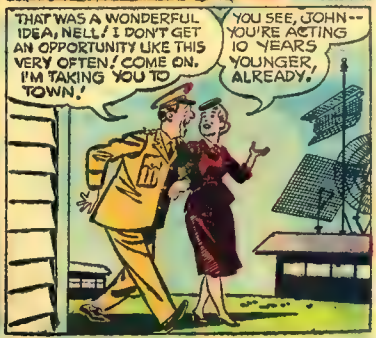
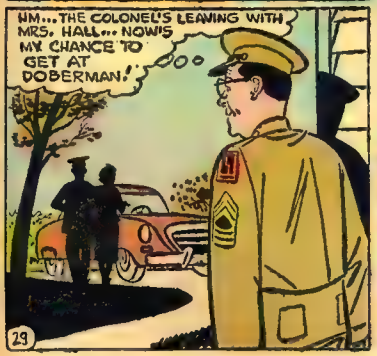
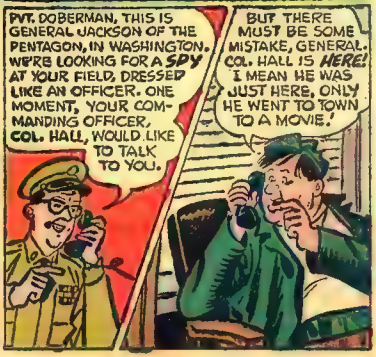
NELL, THIS IS PVT. DOBERMAN, ONE OF BILKO'S MEN! I'VE JUST FOUND OUT HE'S A MATHEMATICAL GENIUS! I'M THINKING OF MAKING AN OFFICER OUT OF HIM!
HI! MRS. COLONEL.
REALLY, JOHN? HOW WONDERFUL! PERHAPS HE COULD HELP YOU WITH YOUR PAPER WORK AND THEN YOU'D HAVE MORE TIME FOR ME!

BY GODFREY! THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT'S KILLING ME AROUND HERE, THE PAPER WORK! I'VE BEEN CHAINED TO THIS DESK SINCE I'VE TAKEN COMMAND. A SLAVE TO THESE REPORTS!
YOU CAN USE A GOOD ASSISTANT, JOHN! YOU'VE TAKEN TOO MUCH UPON YOURSELF!

DOBERMAN, I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH THESE PAPERS! I DARESAY WITH THAT LIGHTNING CALCULATOR BRAIN OF YOURS, YOU'VE GOT SHORT-CUTS THAT WILL SAVE LOTS OF TIME AND WORK! JUST TAKE CARE OF THEM YOUR OWN WAY. I'LL BE AT THE MOVIE HOUSE IN TOWN IF YOU NEED ME!
YES, SIR, COLONEL! I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR.


THAT WAS A WONDERFUL IDEA, NELL! I DON'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS VERY OFTEN! COME ON. I'M TAKING YOU TO TOWN!
YOU SEE, JOHN-- YOU'RE ACTING 10 YEARS YOUNGER, ALREADY.


HM... THE COLONEL'S LEAVING WITH MRS. HALL... NOW IS MY CHANCE TO GET AT DOBERMAN!


PVT. DOBERMAN, THIS IS GENERAL JACKSON OF THE PENTAGON, IN WASHINGTON. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A SPY AT YOUR FIELD, DRESSED LIKE AN OFFICER. ONE MOMENT, YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER, COL. HALL, WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU.
BUT THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE, GENERAL. COL. HALL IS HERE! I MEAN HE WAS JUST HERE, ONLY HE WENT TO TOWN TO A MOVIE!

WHAT'S THAT? THAT MAN IS A SPY--HE'S IMPERSONATING YOUR COLONEL! HAVE HIM PICKED UP AND PUT UNDER ARREST AT ONCE! HE IS DANGEROUS! THAT IS ALL!
Y-YESSIR, GENERAL. DON'T WORRY, GENERAL! I'LL GET HIM, SIR!
OH, JOHN, ISN'T THIS WONDERFUL? I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO RELAX LIKE THIS!
YES, MY DEAR. SHOULD DO IT MORE OFTEN. THAT PVT. DOBERMAN IS GOING TO TAKE A GOOD DEAL OFF MY MIND, I CAN SEE THAT.
THERE HE IS, MEN! THAT'S THE IMPOSTOR -- DRESSED UP LIKE THE COLONEL! ARREST HIM!
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HUH?
WHAT IS THIS? DOBERMAN, HAVE YOU GONE MAD? WHY AREN'T YOU BACK AT THE POST DOING THOSE REPORTS?
PRETTY SHREWD, EH, IMPOSTOR? IT'S A GOOD THING GEN. JACKSON CALLED ME FROM THE PENTAGON AND TOLD ME COL. HALL WAS THERE! TAKE HIM AWAY, MEN.
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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
OH, BILKO! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE! TELL THESE MEN WHO I AM!
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WHO YOU ARE, SIR? WHY, HOW UTTERLY RIDICULOUS! ANYBODY WOULD KNOW THAT, SIR! WHO COULD MISTAKE THAT PROUD BROW, THAT NOBLE BEARING, THE EAGLE EYE OF A--
NEVER MIND ALL THAT! JUST TELL THEM WHO I AM. THEY THINK I'M A SPY IMPERSONATING YOUR COLONEL... I MEAN ME!
MP

REALLY, SIR! HOW COULD ANYONE IMPERSONATE OUR BELOVED LEADER? IT WOULD TAKE QUALITIES BEYOND THOSE OF MERE MORTAL MEN TO EVEN DARE TO--
BILKO! TELL THEM! I'LL PROMISE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT!

ALL RIGHT, MEN--TEN-HUT! THIS IS YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER, COL. HALL! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS OUTRAGE?! DOBERMAN!
HI-YA-HUT!
BUT, SARGE, THE GENERAL TOLD ME TO PICK HIM UP--HE WAS A SPY!
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THERE YOU ARE, SIR! IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? SHALL I TAKE PVT. DOBERMAN BACK TO YOUR QUARTERS, SIR?
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, BILKO! MAKE IT YOUR QUARTERS! MAKE IT AS FAR FROM ME AS POSSIBLE!

AS FAR AS POSSIBLE... YES, SIR... WOULD LAS VEGAS BE FAR ENOUGH? SAY, FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS? TO GIVE THE COLONEL A CHANCE TO REST, SIR?
LAS VEGAS, EH? WELL, THAT'S NOT NEARLY FAR ENOUGH, BILKO, BUT IT WILL DO! BRING THOSE FURLOUGH PAPERS BACK TO ME, I'LL SIGN.

HOW CONVENIENT! I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE THEM ON ME, SIR. THERE YOU ARE, SIR. JUST THE TWO OF THEM, SIR--PVT. DOBERMAN, AND ME. BELIEVE ME, SIR... I'LL GIVE HIM A GOOD TALKING TO, SIR, ON THE WAY!
HUH--YOU JUST HAPPEN TO--ALL RIGHT, BILKO, I'LL SIGN--BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS.

OKAY, DUANE--YOU RUN IN AND GET THE TICKETS--I'LL WATCH OUR BAGS.
OKAY, SARGE, I'LL BE BACK IN A JIFFY.
AIRPORT GATE 7
TICKETS
HERE I AM, SARGE! I GOT 'EM.
OOPS!
DOBERMAN! LOOK OUT!
CLUNK!
HI, SARGE--WHAT AM I DOING HERE? I OUGHT TO BE AT THE MOTOR POOL!
DOBERMAN, YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO LAS VEGAS TO TRY YOUR FOOL-PROOF SYSTEM WITH THE NUMBERS! YOU STILL SEE THEM, DON'T YOU?
NUMBERS? WHAT NUMBERS, SARGE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT--
OMIGOSH! THAT KNOCK ON THE HEAD KNOCKED IT OUT OF HIM--JUST LIKE THE FIRST KNOCK ON THE HEAD GAVE HIM THE SYSTEM! TRY, DOBERMAN, THINK! WE ALREADY HAVE THE FURLOUGH PAPERS, THE PLATOON'S MONEY, AND THE PLANE TICKETS... ALL I NEED NOW ARE THE WINNING NUMBERS!
SARGE, IT'S NO USE! I'VE HIT EVERY SQUARE INCH OF MY HEAD, BUT I STILL CAN'T REMEMBER NO NUMBERS!
KEEP TRYING! I'VE STILL GOT 10 DAYS FURLOUGH TIME LEFT! ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS HIT THE SPOT THAT SEES THE NUMBERS AND I CAN GO MAKE US RICH!
HIT! HIT!
AIRPORT
THE END

TEDDY ROOSEVELT
Guardian of Nature

ALL NATURE IS IN DELICATE BALANCE--BACTERIA AND PLANTS, INSECTS AND BIRDS AND ANIMALS DEPENDING ON EACH OTHER TO KEEP LIFE GOING ON OUR PLANET. BUT MAN'S WASTEFUL DESTRUCTION UPSETS THIS BALANCE AND THEREBY THREATENS HIS OWN SURVIVAL.

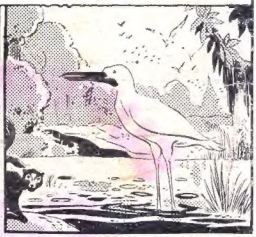
A RUINED FOREST, FOR EXAMPLE, RESULTS IN A LOSS OF LUMBER, ANIMAL AND BIRD LIFE, AND CAUSES A CHAIN REACTION OF FLOODS, WASHED-AWAY SOIL AND IMPOVERISHED LAND...

... AND WHERE SOIL IS GONE, MEN MUST GO.

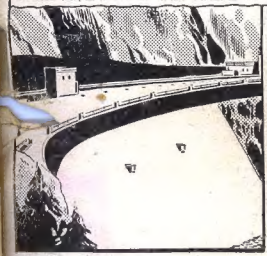
A MAN WHO UNDERSTOOD THIS AND BECAME A PIONEER IN CONSERVATION WAS OUR 26th PRESIDENT, THEODORE ROOSEVELT...

... WHOSE CENTENNIAL WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS COMING YEAR.

THROUGH HIS EFFORTS, MILLIONS OF ACRES WERE ADDED TO OUR FOREST RESERVES FOR CONTROLLED USE, NATIONAL PARKS WERE CREATED, AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES ESTABLISHED.



RECLAMATION PROJECTS, LIKE THE ROOSEVELT DAM, RESULTED IN THE IRRIGATION OF VAST AREAS OF ARID, STERILE LAND...



TEDDY ROOSEVELT LED THE WAY IN SHOWING US HOW TO MAINTAIN NATURE'S BALANCE--AND OUR GREATEST TESTIMONIAL TO HIM WOULD BE THE CONTINUED WISE USE AND PRESERVATION OF OUR FORESTS AND WILDLIFE, OUR SOIL AND WATER, FOR MANKIND'S ENRICHMENT.

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